GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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TRAINING TO PILOTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has been facing a problem in training its fighter pilots in the absence of an Advanced Jet Trainer;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering to send its pilots to England every year for a certain period to get training there; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard including the training of MIG-21, Royal Air Force Hawks or Iskra or Kiran trainer Stage II etc.?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The IAF is using various kinds of aircraft to impart training to its fighter pilots.Many of these aircrafts are completing their total technical life in the near future. Hence, Government is planning to procure an Advanced Jet Trainer.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) IAF is utilising Iskra and Kiran aircraft as lead in fighter training aircraft before training on MIG-21.